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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN REVIEW WELL RECEIVED, SOME CONCERNS

REF: A. NEW DELHI 618

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or Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

1.(C) Following up on Ref A, A/DCM delivered points on the Afghanistan-Pakistan Strategic Review to MEA Joint Secretary (Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran) TCA Raghavan on April 2. Raghavan expressed his government's satisfaction with our new policy on Afghanistan and Pakistan as outlined in the White Paper. Expressing his view that Afghanistan and Pakistan must be treated together, Raghavan pointed out that India has much in common with USG goals in the region and that the strategic review makes &very good, positive8 points.

2.(C) Raghavan shared two concerns -- reiterations of points the GOI had made in the past: that the Indian Government 1) does not believe in making a distinction between &good8 and &bad8 Taliban, and 2) believes it is futile, even counterproductive, to provide increased military assistance to Pakistan.

3.(C) Raghavan commented that dealing with the Taliban should neither be arbitrary nor flexible. He expressed concern that extremists would take advantage of the new U.S. willingness to talk to reconcilable insurgents. Regarding military aid, Raghavan referred to past "misallocation of funds," saying that &much of the aid ended up being used on things which it was not originally intended for.8

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